

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Akihiro FUNAKOSHI *et al.*
Title: A PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT
FOR PANCREATITIS COMPRISING IL-6
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 24, 2009. Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time. Submitted with this reply are the required fees, and five (5) exhibits (G-K).

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